



## Mary Jane (Niedner) Fletcher

January 4, 1924 - July 11, 2018

Mary Jane (Niedner) Fletcher, 94, of New Britain, passed away Wednesday (July 11, 2018) at Jerome Home. She was predeceased by three husbands, Walter R. Fletcher, Jr., DMD; James R. McCausland and John T. Mason. Born in Melrose, Mass, Mary Jane grew up in Malden, Massachusetts. She attended Malden High School and then graduated from Colby Junior College in New London, New Hampshire as a medical technician. She married Walter R. Fletcher Jr. on April 27, 1946. They lived in Japan while he served in the US Navy as a Dentist from 1946-1948. It was there that Mary Jane developed a strong interest in Japanese art and flower arranging. After returning to the United States they moved to New Britain, Connecticut where Walter established his dental practice. They lived in Kensington and then Southington where they raised their three children. Mary Jane was extremely creative, an accomplished artist, seamstress, knitter, needle pointer and flower arranger. She was a generous, loving, encouraging mother and grandmother; always keenly interested in her children's and grandchildren's activities and accomplishments. She was a volunteer at the YWCA, the Red Cross as a blood bank captain for over 20 years, and the Hillstead Museum. She was a member of the New Britain Garden Club (President 2 years), New Britain Museum of American Art (Women's Committee) and a member of the Junior League in New Britain, CT, Savannah, GA and Hilton Head, SC. Although recently being affiliated with the First Lutheran Church of the Reformation in New Britain, Mary Jane was a longtime member of the Kensington

Congregational Church. She enjoyed tennis, sailing, skiing and traveling. Mary Jane and Walter traveled extensively in the US and worldwide. They enjoyed family time at Shuttle Meadow Country Club, time in Vermont and especially at Bashan Lake in East Haddam, CT. Mary Jane and Walter were blessed with a wide circle of friends and family.

Surviving is a son, Bruce T. Fletcher, DMD and his wife Kris of New Britain; a daughter, Bonnie McCausland and her husband Peter of Hobe Sound, FL; four grandchildren, Andrew Fletcher and his wife Mariana and their children, William and Luke; Sarah Meaney and her husband Doug and their son Grayson; Christopher McCausland and his wife Kristina and their son Tanner; and Elizabeth Salata and her husband Kyle and their son James; a brother, Charles E. Niedner of Vero Beach, FL; a sister, Gloria Niedner Dattman of Hingham, Mass; and a daughter in law, Anne (Kuhn) Fletcher also of Hingham. Six years ago, Mary Jane lost her 62 year old son, Craig A. Fletcher.

Funeral service are Tuesday (July 17, 2018) 11:30 AM at Kensington Congregational Church, 312 Percival Avenue, Kensington, CT 06037. The calling hours will begin at 10:30 at the Kensington Congregational Church. A reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 77 Franklin Square, New Britain, 06051 or the Kensington Congregational Church. The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUL 17. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

“ I first met Mary Jane at a Boston hotel the morning after her marriage to Walt. My future husband, John, had been asked to bring a car to the couple so it could be used on their honeymoon trip. I was just added to accompany my future husband “Luke”. But in just an hour in the company of this handsome couple, I felt completely at ease. I could not understand this! All this seemed more natural when I learned that Walt and Luke had become neighborhood friends while they were still in the cradle. Luckily they maintained their friendship through the years. I think Mary Jane and I caught the warmth of this friendship and we easily became friends as couples.

As the years passed -- and I think of them as golden years -- we had children and we became family friends. To keep in touch we eagerly exchanged all kinds of news -- family news, job news, health news, house news, trip news and so on. For the house news, I vividly remember visiting Mary Jane in their new home on Heartland Terrace only one street away from our home on Crater Lane. And I remember the most smashing news of all -- Mary Jane and Walt were planning a trip around the world, and away they went.

From these exchanges, I learned a great deal about MJ. I found her to be a natural born lady -- usually with a friendly smile that seemed to glow. Underneath I found something else -- a down-to-earth woman determined to face any problems with possible solutions.

Unfortunately MJ lost Walt early. But she clearly remembered her one major goal in life -- to be a good wife. And so she decided to meet her goal two times more. It must have taken considerable courage, but I believe she was successful, and that she ended her days fulfilled.

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**Ingeborg E. Lukens** - July 16, 2018 at 12:18 PM

SP

“ So sorry to read of Mary's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the Fletcher family.  
May she rest in peace in Heaven. God bless.

**Sebastian R Papa** - July 13, 2018 at 08:50 AM

KS

“ I'm so sorry to hear of the death of Mary Jane; mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother of my friends in the Fletcher family. Know that I am keeping you all in my heart.

*Kathleen*

**Kathleen Sauer** - July 12, 2018 at 08:17 PM

JB

“ My condolences to Bruce and family.  
*Jeanne' Blair*

**Jeanne' Blair** - July 12, 2018 at 06:51 PM

EB

*Dear Bruce & Kris: I am so sorry to hear of the death of your Mom/Mother-in-law. Know that my prayers are with you and your family at this very sad time. Eileen Buys*

**Eileen Buys** - July 12, 2018 at 10:46 PM

CN

*Dear Bruce & Kris: she was a great sister and was my oldest sister. All the things they say about her are true and she will be missed by all that knew her. Charles Niedner and Priscilla Reilly.*

**charles niedner** - July 13, 2018 at 09:50 AM

AL

*So sorry to hear of Mary Janes passing. I grew up with her clan of friends, MJ and Walt, Inge and Lukey my neighbors, Andy and Brainard, the Hjerpes and so many others. Kids were always part of summer parties. Truly great friends. She was a class act. She will be missed by many. Andrea Troup Luty*

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**Andrea Troup Luty** - July 20, 2018 at 02:52 PM